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C1 including at least edges of said expanded laser beam extending in said first direction; and

condensing said masked laser beam in a second direction orthogonal to said first direction after removing said peripheral portion to form a condensed laser beam [at the object], said condensed laser beam having a line-shaped transverse cross-section at the object [being line-shaped].

C2 6. (Twice Amended) A method for treating an object with a laser comprising the steps of:

emitting a rectangular-shaped laser beam from the laser;

expanding said laser beam in a first direction to form an expanded laser beam;

removing a peripheral portion of said expanded laser beam through a mask to form a masked laser beam, said peripheral portion including at least edges of said expanded laser beam extending in said first direction; and

condensing said masked laser beam in a second direction orthogonal to said first direction after removing said peripheral portion to form a condensed laser beam [at the object], said condensed laser beam having a line-shaped transverse cross-section at the object [being line-shaped].

C3 11. (Twice Amended) A method for treating an object with a laser comprising the steps of:

emitting a laser beam from the laser;

expanding said laser beam in a first direction to form an expanded laser beam;